

**AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 115-23**  
**OFFERED BY MR. WALKER OF NORTH CAROLINA**

At the end of subtitle G of title XII, add the following new section:

1 SEC. 12\_\_ . DEFENSE PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED  
2 STATES AND TAIWAN.

(a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that United States should strengthen and enhance its long-standing partnership and strategic cooperation with Taiwan, and reinforce its commitment to the Taiwan Relations Act and the “Six Assurances” as both countries work toward mutual security objectives, by—

9           (1) conducting regular transfers of defense arti-  
10       cles and defense services necessary to enable Taiwan  
11       to secure common interests and objectives with the  
12       United States, based solely on the needs of Taiwan;

(2) assisting Taiwan in building an effective air defense capability consisting of a balance of fighters and mobile air defense systems; and

(3) inviting Taiwan to participate in multilateral training activities hosted by the United States that increase the credible deterrent capabilities of Taiwan.

1 (b) REPORT ON NAVAL PORT OF CALL EXCHANGES  
2 BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND TAIWAN.—

3 (1) REPORT REQUIRED.—Not later than Sep-  
4 tember 1, 2018, the Secretary of Defense shall sub-  
5 mit to the appropriate committees of Congress a re-  
6 port on the following:

7 (A) An assessment and planning regarding  
8 ports of call by the United States Navy at  
9 Kaohsiung, or other suitable port or ports on  
10 the island of Taiwan.

11 (B) An assessment of the feasibility and  
12 advisability of permitting the United States Pa-  
13 cific Command (PACOM) to receive ports of  
14 call by the Republic of China navy in Hawaii,  
15 Guam, and other appropriate locations.

16 (2) FORM.—The report required by paragraph  
17 (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form, but may  
18 include a classified annex.

19 (3) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS  
20 DEFINED.—In this subsection, the term “appro-  
21 priate committees of Congress” means—

22 (A) the Committee on Armed Services and  
23 the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Sen-  
24 ate; and

1 (B) the Committee on Armed Services and  
2 the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House  
3 of Representatives.

